Title: Need to allocate the required funds for enabling timely completion of the Special Rural Connectivity Programme − Phase I in KBK district of Orissa.

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Mr. Deputy-Speaker Sir, Pursuant to a discussion between the hon. Prime Minister and Chief Minister of Orissa on 10.04.2003, a special connectivity programme has been launched in the KBK districts in the year 2003-2004. Accordingly, the State Government have, in consultation with the Government of India, submitted the Phase-I of the special rural connectivity programme with an estimated cost of Rs. 828.10 crore to the Planning Commission of India. The programme, to be implemented in four years, is already approved by the Planning Commission in principle vide D.O. letter No. 13053/KBK/2/2003-MLP dated 15.09.2003. In order to implement this component within the stipulated time frame (2003-04) to 2005-06, Planning Commission have been requested, vide P&C Deptt. Letter No. 7133/P dated 10.05.2004, to give firm commitment for provisions of additional resources of Rs. 387.17 crore. The Planning Commission's response is awaited. So, I request the Government to direct the Planning Commission to confirm it as KBK RLTAP fully depends on the rural connectivity.